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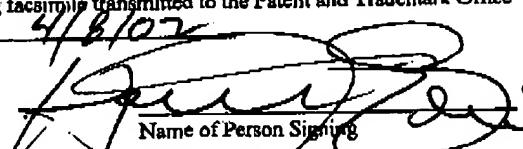
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action of March 26, 2002, wherein a requirement for restriction was made pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I (claims 1-12) drawn to a breathable, stretchable, hydrophilic layered material classified in Class 442, subclasses 315, 221 and 370, and

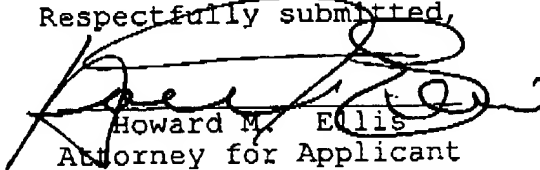
Group II (claims 13-14) drawn to a method of making breathable, stretchable, hydrophilic layered materials, like those of Group I using flame lamination methods, classified in Class 156, subclass 82.

Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I for examination on the merits.

On an indication of allowability of Group I claims, applicant may seek rejoinder of Group II method claims, assuming Group II claims recite all the limitations of the allowed product claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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